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## overlap

*Pronunciation:* (

- v. *O"vur-lap";*
- n. *O'vur-lap"), [key]*
- v., *-lapped, -lap·ping,*
- n.

—v.t.

1. to lap over (something else or each other); extend over and cover a part of; imbricate.
2. to cover and extend beyond (something else): *The ends of cloth overlap the table.*
3. to coincide in part with; have in common with: *two lives that overlapped each other.*

—v.i.

to lap over: *two sales territories that overlap; fields of knowledge that overlap.*

—n.

1. an act or instance of overlapping.
2. the extent or amount of overlapping: *The second story of the building has an overlap of ten feet.*
3. an overlapping part.
4. the place of overlapping.
5. (in yacht racing) the position of two yachts side by side such that the overtaking boat, to pass the other on the opposite side, must fall back, or such that neither can turn toward the other without danger of collision.



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**under•lap**

*Pronunciation:* (un"dur-lap'), [key]

—*v.t., -lapped, -lap•ping.*

to extend partly under.

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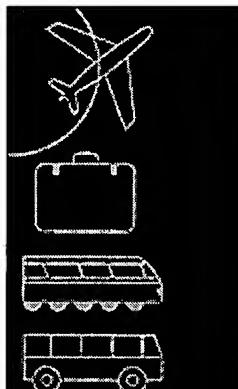
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## Definition

**overlap** [Show phonetics]

verb **-pp-**

**1** [I or T] to cover something partly by going over its edge; to cover part of the same space:

*The fence is made of panels which overlap (each other).*

**2** If two or more activities, subjects or periods of time overlap, they have some parts which are the same:

*My musical tastes don't overlap **with** my brother's at all.*

**overlap** [Show phonetics]

noun [C or U]

the amount by which two things or activities cover the same area:

*The roof tiles will need an overlap **of** several centimetres.*

*There are some overlaps **between** the products of the two companies.*

**overlapping** [Show phonetics]

adjective

*The overlapping slates of the roofs in the mountain village resembled fish scales.*

*The word has two separate but overlapping meanings (= parts of the meanings are the same).*

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